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Letter from the Editor:

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!! February is the month that Valentine's Day springs eternal. Cupid pulls his bow and aims at our hearts. In this fast paced, techno heavy world we live in, it can be hard to remember to shower our loved ones (or ourselves) with kindness, hugs and adoration to show that we care. If caviar and champagne are not in the budget, nothing shouts true love like a hand penned poem or love letter. Add a few flowers and a home-made brownie and they are yours forever! So don't forget your honey on Friday February 14th!

Love comes in many different forms. Your love may not be for a husband, partner or even a human. We love our dog like crazy. Perhaps there is somebody in your life that needs a little attention, a kind word or just some plain old warmth and understanding. Some of you will say bah humbug to Valentines Day – too busy, too stressed out, too taken for granted.... But I say we should embrace a day devoted to nothing but love and passion, to hugs and kisses and silly love songs. What's wrong with that?

Darcy Duval

Dr. T and the Versatiles Play Valentine's Day Benefit for Pingree Park Revitalization Project

Lovers looking for a night of dinner, dancing and great music this Valentine's Day should look no further than Magic Mountain in Londonderry, VT. Friday, February 14th, Dr. T and the Versatiles bring their '60's and '70's horn-driven Rock, R & B and Soul Music to the Magic Mountain Base Lodge at 8 PM. The Black Line Tavern in the Base Lodge will be open for dinner and drinks. Tickets for the dance may be purchased in advance at the Green Mountain Pharmacy in the Mountain Marketplace or at the door. Admission will be \$8.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a couple. (Food and drink are not included in admission.) The concert is being sponsored by the Londonderry Town Parks Board for the benefit of the Pingree Park Revitalization Project, and the Board is thrilled to have such a great band helping with this project.



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Dr. T and the Versatiles, play a variety of great tunes from the 1960's and 1970's featuring songs by Wilson Pickett, Aretha Franklin, Bruce Springsteen, Al Green, and many more. The band was formed by Dr. Terry Ryan of Springfield, Vermont, a chiropractor by trade, who loves playing the trumpet whenever he has the chance. Among the ten musicians who make up the band, Meredith Robinson of Chicopee, MA is the stand-out as lead vocalist. They are joined by their fellow bandmates Ed Cohen (trumpet), Joan Timberlake (sax), Liz Ryan (trombone), Al Kuchas (guitar), Steve Osterlund (bass), Dan Williams (keyboards), Brian Morris (percussion), and Mick Arace (drums).

The Parks Board has been fundraising since August to help rebuild the playground, resurface the tennis court and build a dog park at Pingree Park. The first \$22,000 raised will be used to match a \$22,000 grant that was recently awarded to Pingree Park by the State of Vermont for work that will be completed this summer. The Parks Board will continue to work toward putting shovels in the ground, including applying for additional grant money. As of the beginning of the New Year, the Mountain Towns Community has raised \$19,633.89 in support of this project. Many Thanks to all of the individual citizens and area businesses who have donated toward the rebuilding of the Pingree Park. There will be a great collection of about 30 raffle items at the Dance including 1 Cord of firewood, ½ gallon of Maple syrup, and a gift certificate for Belly Fit classes.

The LVRS needs HELP!!

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is looking for volunteers for a one day project on Sunday February 2, 2014. Volunteers are needed between 10 AM and 2 PM to help label and stuff 8,000 letters for the rescue squad's annual benefit raffle. Come one, come all, join us for good cheer and conversation. LVRS serves the tri mountain towns of Winhall, Jamica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, South Londonderry, Stratton, Weston, and Windham. The funds raised will cover the squad's day to day operating expenses, training, ambulance maintenance and replacement, and purchase of equipment and supplies. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. LVRS is located at 6068 Route 100 in Londonderry, just north of the blinking light. It is approximately 1/3 of a mile north of the intersection of Routes 100 and 11.

Derry Sled Dogs Snowmobile Club

have been hosting meetings at the Town Office at Six o'clock the first Tuesday of each month, ending in April and starting back up again in September. All are welcome.

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Pingree Park/Shamberg Property Timber Sale in Progress

A timber sale is in progress this winter on two town owned properties, a six acre wooded portion of Pingree Park and approximately fifty acres of the Shamberg property on Green Mountain Trail. The sale is the result of efforts of the Londonderry Conservation Commission in accordance with long range forest management plans for various town owned properties. The sale was offered for bid in the fall of 2012 and the job was awarded to Eagle Forest Improvements, Inc. of Chester.

The management plans in place for the properties were produced by State of Vermont foresters in partnership with the Conservation Commission, and incorporate multiple objectives for the wooded properties including growing and harvesting timber, recreational use, wildlife habitat, and general forest health and ecosystem protection. The Shamberg property in particular contains some sensitive wetland areas which are removed from timber management and protected.

The current timber sale was started in mid January on the Pingree Park land. Cutting operations are overseen by Sam Schneski, Windham/Windsor County Forester, to ensure quality of work and contract compliance. By the time this newsletter is published, Pingree Park will be completed and the operation moved to the Shamberg

property. The public is asked to avoid the sites during active operations for safety reasons.

The total cut on the two properties will produce about 120,000 board feet of timber and 200 cords of pulp/firewood. Proceeds from the sale are put into a timber sale fund maintained by the town. Specific use for the funds is still to be determined, but the plan is to use them for conservation and maintenance projects on town owned lands.



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South Londonderry Free Library

There are over 20,000 books in different categories, sure to please the most discerning at South Londonderry Free Library. We have the latest best sellers along with timeless classics, children's books, art books, a Vermont collection, mysteries, biographies, cook books, gardening books etc. etc. If we don't have it you probably don't want it but if you do, we are hooked up to the Vermont Department of Libraries Inter-library Loan system. This means that we can access any book that Vermont schools, colleges or public libraries have – making SoLo Free Library a much larger library without having to buy every title.

We have free use of computers and wifi for public use and through the library you can access downloadable audio and/or e-books. You can take online life-long learning classes through Universal Class from your home or office. There are special children's programs usually presented by Casey Junker Bailey and on-going art exhibits with outstanding local artists. Casey will present a Valentine's workshop for kids of all ages on Saturday, February 8th. It is free of charge and all are welcome. Currently showing in the Janeway Wing, throughout February, is renowned watercolor artist, Robert O'Brien. Shown are Vermont scenes in different seasons and a few paintings of Rob's trip to France. The photographic quality of his paintings are amazing. Prices range from \$275 to \$2,000 and a portion of the proceeds will go to the

library. While you are at the library check out the vintage photographs of Everett M. Vaile that depict life in the area in the early 1900s. You could also borrow free or reduced passes to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, the Brattleboro Museum, the Leahy Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center, the state parks and Vermont Historic sites and Hildene.

Board of Trustee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month and the public is cordially invited to attend. If you have an interest in the wonderful world of books, there are volunteer opportunities.

Library hours are: Mondays, 20-12 & 1-5; Wednesdays 10-12, 1-5 & 7-9; Fridays 10-12& 1-5 and Saturdays we are open 10 am to 1 pm. The phone number is 824-3371 or email southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com

It is great that The Londonderry Monthly has been reinvented in an online format so we can reach out to all of you to remind everyone what a little gem we have in our community.

Mary K. Butera
Librarian/Director

The SoLo Fire Dept. would like to thank Gina Renzi & Jude Hawkens from Renzi & Hawkens Studios for their assistance with our artwork.

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NOTES AND EVENTS

Sandy & Jim Wilbur brought six young people and two music teachers from Manchester to Montpelier to help open this year's legislative session on Jan. 7th. They performed Gettysburg Address, the second song in the series "*Learning History Through Music*" that Sandy composed and produced. You can see the State House performance at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zboMdjxlqOg>. Check it out!

The goal of this series is to use music to help young people more fully understand our American political history. All three educational music videos in this series can be seen at www.sandywilburmusic.com.

PHEASANT visiting SOLO

The Londonderry Conservation Commission is very curious to know if anyone knows of the origin of the cock ringneck pheasant which has been hanging out in downtown South Londonderry. The pheasant is not native around here so we suspect escaped from somewhere. It is amazing that it has survived as long as it has given that it probably had domestic origins. It also is very dependent on grains so it seems likely that it is feeding at someone's bird feeder. We would appreciate any information anyone might have on this bird. Please contact Mark Wright at 375-3544. Thanks.

TOWN MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Town Meeting Day is just around the corner. This year's Town Meeting will be March 4th @ 9:30 AM at the Town Hall on Middletown Road. Please note that the time has changed from past years.

The deadline to register to be on the Voter Checklist is February 26th. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5:00 PM to accept Voter Registration Applications. If you would like to register to vote please contact the Town Clerk. Call 824 3356 or stop by the office M,T, Th, F 8:30-2:30 & W 10-5.

TUESDAY FEB 11TH @ 7PM

Candidate's Night at Town Office - Twitchell Bldg

Directly followed by TOPP (Town Office Planning Project) public informational meeting @ 8pm – renovation plans on display for public review.

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2014 Tubbs Romp & Stomp at Stratton

702 participants raised \$120,700 and did a 3k or 5k snowshoe race or walk Saturday January 25th, at Stratton Sun Bowl to benefit the VT/NH Susan B Komen Breast Cancer Charity. Yours truly, huffed and puffed 3k with Jennifer Aravides' Breast Friends team! Please come and join or make your own team next year!!

FREE SEASON PASS, Free Parking AND Never a Lift Line!

The WEST RIVER TRAIL is wide open, every day, all day, for x-country skiing and snowshoeing!

Track set for grooming on railroad grade terrain means great conditions for all ages and abilities. Come one and all - Families and Friends - everyone is welcome to enjoy as much time as you have to glide and trek through the quiet winter woods along the beautiful West River!

If you've never treated yourself to an outdoor adventure under a Full Snow Moon and starlit sky, mark your calendar (Saturday, February 15th), and be ready to be dazzled! Take along your BFF and a thermos of hot chocolate and you'll have a Valentine's Day date to remember! (maybe a headlamp too, just in case of clouds...)

So, don't be a slug - dig out your duds, pack a snack and hit the trail any day of the week! Easy access via West River Street (park at the Depot) and also Winhall Brook Campground (park at entrance/contact station). Bonus: FREE trail map! Download at www.westrivertrail.org Select *Upper Section*, dropdown *Map*. And do share pictures and stories - on the website: *Contact Us, Upper Section* or send to FWRT, POB 2086, 05155.

TOWN EMAIL LIST

The town has established an Email/distribution list to send important and emergency information to town residents and property owners. If you have not submitted your email address, please consider doing so. Your information will not be shared with anyone. Call the town office at 824-3356 or email to londontown@vermontel.net.

Article Submission Information

The Londonderry Monthly is a community building and communications project of the Town of Londonderry. If your group or organization has community news to share, and you would like to submit an article to The Monthly for publication, please contact us via email at derrynews@aol.com. For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 23rd of each month. Due to space limitations it is up to our discretion to edit any and all submissions and/or reject submissions. The articles and information enclosed do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Town of Londonderry or its board members.

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Rabies Clinic

March 13th 9:30-11:30 AM



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